



January Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2022

Attendance:

Wendy Muchi, Juliana Kuszewski, Darci Andrade, Brianne Miers, Jen Creelman, Christina LaFortune, Christine Neslusan, Kristen Sabelis, Kathy Pelley, Abigail Miller, Jacki Chechile, Jessica Fahl, Amy Briggs, Jenifer Ohanesian, Mark Cignarella, Monique Dubuc

Minutes:

- Last month's minutes were sent via email.
- *Motion made to approve last meetings minutes. Seconded. All in favor and approved.*

Principals Update

- **Recognition-** Welcome Deborah Boyd as new superintendent
- **Retirements-** Coming in June –
 - o Susan Colleton more than 50 years in education
 - o Speech and Language Path- Jane Daubney-Goyette, Maureen Tolson
 - o Nurse Lisa Meunier
- Thank you to Lisa, Tara and many members of the staff and community for supporting families during holiday season
- **Health and Safety:**
- Sending out daily reminders to follow the mask mandate and DESE guidelines.
 - o Mask mandate extended through the 28th
 - o Updates coming such as what types of masks are best
 - o We have had an uptick since returning from vacation, which includes a staff impact
 - o We ask those who feel sick to stay home
 - o Vaccination Clinic Thursday 5:00-7:30, taking walk-ins but prefer registration: Boosters for older children, adults, can all be accommodated
- Barriers were taken down in the cafeteria just before December break because of studies that found ineffective, and may actual contain particles
 - o Nursing has decided that children on the opposite side of barrier would need to quarantine in close contact situations regardless, so it is not an effective tool to keep kids in school
 - o Hygiene/Cleaning barriers between lunch rotations was also a concern
- Question was raised: How does Burgess reporting practices compare to other schools in the district? Kathy shared that because of our Lisa's position on the

BOH, and the communication and outreach of the parents to Lisa, we have a high reporting rate.

- Question was raised: Is the district tracking vaccination status?- Kathy shared that we are not at this time, but the Nurse is able to access students status on an as needed basis- i.e. to verify if a child is able to stay in school after close contact
- Kathy shared that they cannot encourage families to vaccinate children
- **Professional Development-** have a great day planned for Friday
 - o Motivation speaker coming- “Know Thy Self, Know Thy Student”
 - o There is an in-person option and a virtual/live stream option for staff
- **Curriculum Instruction & Assessment-**
 - o Starr testing, grades 1-4 reading benchmark assessments,
 - o Access testing for ELL, they have extended this due to staffing
 - o Hopeful to start afterschool support for students, waiting for staffing and the surge of COVID to improve
- **Budget-**
 - o 12 Million+ for next year, which is a 2.1% increase from last year
 - o Budget drivers that are Increasing budget include- English Language Learners teacher, transportation- bus drivers received increase, special education services, specialized transportation
 - o Budget drivers that are decreasing budget include- retirements of several veteran teachers
 - o Question Raised: “When will federal funding stop for all student body?” – Kathy shared she does not have that information.

Treasurer Report:

- Juliana Kuszewski gave treasurer report
- Sq 1 profits \$3,290.
- We sent out our tax returns
- We have received 1 teacher reimbursement request

Parent Volunteer:

- Christina LaFortune asked for those who are interested to fill out volunteer paperwork and CORI forms
- We are looking forward to being able to get back to field trips and more frequent opportunities for volunteers, so we encourage everyone to get the paperwork completed so we have plenty of parents when that time comes!

Yearbook Updates:

- Christine Neslusan and Megan St. Claire working together, and it is underway

- There was a cover art contest, two students were chosen: one for the back and one for the front. And they are hoping to feature all submitted art somewhere inside
- Call for photo submissions from parents went out
- January 31st deadline for Photos: 1st day of kindergarten, baby picture, group pictures of numerous grade 6 photos
- A few shared they didn't receive the email to submit photos, so Christine is looking into getting that sent out again

Staff Appreciation Luncheons:

- We are thinking March and May
- We are looking into the other suggestions into staff moral

Square 1 & Burgess Wear:

- All those who had deliveries to school arrived on time
- Delays occurred to anyone who had their order delivered to their home
- All orders should be delivered by Friday
- Burgess Wear- only 2 families left that still need items, many supply chain issues
 - o Burgess Store will be closed until March- so that they can catch up on supply issues
 - o We need to check with TJ regarding 6 Grade Tshirts/Sweatshirts district wide at the end of the year

Talent Show:

- Dan was not available for update
- Rough outline: Announce signups in February before vacation, submissions and auditions the last week of February/1st week of March, Dress Rehearsal the second to last week in March, and Performances the last two weeks of March
- Virtual option if we can't do it in person

Next Meeting: February 8, 2022